

Creel Survey

July 18, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Last week we sampled 2,560 salmonid anglers (including 234 boats) with 93 adult and 26 jack summer chinook, 566 steelhead, and 17 sockeye. 57 (61%) of the adult and 17 (65%) of the jacks were kept as were 305 (54%) of the steelhead and all but three (82%) of the sockeye. Interestingly, bank anglers reported more wild steelhead released than kept while boat anglers reported just the opposite.

Now closed for adult Chinook and sockeye through July 31.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some adult summer Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

John Day Pool - From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist, Pasco: An estimated 7 hatchery chinook were harvested this past week in the John Day Pool. No steelhead or wild Chinook were caught and released. Effort has been light. There were an estimated 76 angler trips for the week. For the fishery that began June 16, an estimated 27 adult hatchery summer chinook and 33 hatchery jacks have been harvested.

Bonneville Dam to Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco – Now closed for sockeye. Remains open for hatchery chinook, adults and jacks.

Hatchery summer run steelhead returns to Washington lower Columbia facilities are lagging behind last year. Through mid July:

<u>Hatchery</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cowlitz	3,026	1,756
Kalama	1,130	239
Lewis	3,606	727
Skamania (Washougal)	1,354	1,223

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia upstream to the Navigation Marker #82 line - We sampled legals kept by boat anglers near Cathlamet and a bank angler at Woodland. Note: The Deep River/Knappton ramps + Chinook to Knappton bank sampling summaries will follow shortly in another e-mail.

The Dalles Pool – Bank and boat anglers are catching some legals.

John Day Pool - 11 boats/24 anglers caught 19 sturgeon (**Catch & Release Only**).

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal area are beginning to catch some walleye.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged nearly 2 walleye and over 10 bass per rod. Bank anglers are also catching some walleye and bass.

John Day Pool - Walleye fishing has been very good. 33 boats/75 anglers caught 105 walleye.

Trout

Merrill Lake in Cowlitz County – Planted with 2,145 catchable size browns July 5. Fly fishing and catch-and-release only. No report on angling success.

Shad

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Effort and catch and dam counts are waning below Bonneville. Based on mainly incomplete trips, bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam averaged just over 1.6 shad per rod.

Fishing is much better further upstream.

John Day Pool - Shad fishing was excellent this past week. 30 boats/76 anglers caught 329 shad.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	1040	587								1,627	81.4%	Jun. 30	2,000
The Dalles ²	65	6	16	27	24	3				141	47.0%	Jun. 30	300
John Day	187	90	163	92						532	106.4%	Jun. 30	500
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep				
Bonneville ¹	145	71					51			267		Jul. 17	
The Dalles ²	11	1	5	5	3	1	11			37		Jul. 17	
John Day	37	10	29	15						91		Jul. 17	
¹ Bonneville Pool closed to sturgeon retention Feb 19. Re-opened June 30-July 2 and July 7-8. Closed July 9.													
² John Day Pool closed to sturgeon retention April 10.													
Harvest estimates are updated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary. Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.													

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

July 11 - 17, 2011

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon															
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool						33							234	267	
The Dalles Pool	66	62		1		18	9	27	143		4	5	19	37	
John Day Pool						20							71	91	
Total	66	62		1		71	9	27	143		4	5	324	395	
Salmonids															
	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2011 Cum Leg Kept		Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool													2	2	
Chinook															
Coho													2	2	
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	67		5	4		116	4	10					32	148	62
Chinook			3	4		105							24	129	62
Coho															
Steelhead			2			11							8	19	
John Day Pool						7							8	15	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead						7							8	15	
Walleye															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool													5	5	
The Dalles Pool	4		2			7	17	44	13	70			1311	1318	
John Day Pool													179	179	
Bass															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool						1							23	24	
The Dalles Pool	20	14	11			48	4	9	75	21			51	99	
John Day Pool													2	2	

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (% of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 6-week average)	247%	94%	288%	249%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.31	0.12	1.77	4.17
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	0.05	1.50	1.10
John Day	Effort (% of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none

10:00 AM

Salmonid												Chinook											
Month/Week	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	Other		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	Other
July 11-17	1	132	7	4	10	3	4	14	1	2	0		6	17	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Bonneville	2	47	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	3												2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	312	18	2	6	1	21	28	0	0	0		22	49	0	0	3	0	4	4	0	0	0
Woodland	5	262	3	1	1	2	19	31	1	0	0		16	34	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	366	7	1	0	3	16	58	0	0	0		30	54	6	0	3	0	4	4	1	0	0
Cowlitz	7												1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	668	5	3	7	0	94	58	10	0	0		104	225	5	1	1	0	40	20	0	1	0
Cathlamet	9	178	0	1	2	0	31	20	0	0	0		36	83	1	1	1	0	25	4	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	81	0	0	0	0	22	12	0	0	0		14	42	2	2	2	0	23	4	1	0	0
Total	10	2046	40	12	26	9	207	222	12	2	0		234	514	17	5	10	0	98	39	2	1	0

Sturgeon													
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1	CLOSED											
Camas/Washougal	2	1	0	0	0	0		4	6	14	0	1	0
	3							2	5	14	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	4	2	0	0	0		6	13	19	0	0	0
Woodland	5	13	1	0	1	1							
Kalama	6	5	0	0	0	0		4	8	12	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7												
Longview	8	4	0	0	0	0		3	7	16	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9							4	8	3	0	0	1
Cathlamet	10	3	4	0	0	0		1	3	6	0	0	1
Total	10	30	7	0	1	1		24	50	84	0	1	2

Shad									
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1	11	18	0					
Camas/Washougal	2	2	0	0					
	3								
Vancouver	4								
Woodland	5								
Kalama	6								
Cowlitz	7								
Longview	8								
Cathlamet	9								
Chinook/Elochoman	10								
Total		13	18	0		0	0	0	0

Walleye									
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1								
Camas/Washougal	2					1	1	0	3
	3								
Vancouver	4								
Woodland	5								
Kalama	6								
Cowlitz	7								
Longview	8								
Cathlamet	9								
Chinook/Elochoman	10								
Total		0	0	0		1	1	0	3